

Tucson Metropolitan Housing Commission

Minutes of Meeting held on November 9, 2006

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Tucson Metropolitan Housing Commission (MHC) was called to order by Jim Brooks at 8:20 am on Thursday, November 9, 2006, at 310 N. Commerce Park Loop, 2nd floor, Tucson, Arizona.

2. Call to Order

Commission Members Present:

Jerry Anderson
Jim Brooks
Linda Drew
Andy Gunning
Linda Leatherman
Janet Marcus
John Showalter
Richard Fe Tom

Commission Members Absent

Barbara Becker
Pat DeVito
Tom Doucette
Mike Grassinger
Judy Green
Michael McDonald
Melanie Morrison

Community Services Dept. Staff Present:

Erin Morris
Emily Nottingham
Jack Siry

2. Approval of October 12, 2006, minutes

Andy Gunning moved to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Janet Marcus. Passed 8 to 0.

3. Chair's Report of Current Events

No report

4. "Housing for All" Day Update

Linda Leatherman reported that only preliminary activity has taken place to date. Some sort of event, like a golf tournament, is being discussed to take place during this event, which is planned for June 2007. A complete report will be provided at the December meeting.

5. January Planning Meeting Update/Discussion

Linda Drew moved and Jerry Anderson seconded a motion to allow for expenditure of Commission funds for the Annual Planning meeting in January at the Arizona Inn. Passed 8 to 0.

Suggestions for the day include: Employer Assisted Housing, Community Land Trusts, Joe Snell at TREO, Faith Based Housing, Downtown Housing (Downtown Stakeholders Group), and Housing Trust Fund planning w/ Kaneen Associates.

6. Subcommittee Updates/Reports

- Housing Trust Fund – Mayor and Council will be creating the Citizens Advisory Cmte this month. MHC will be allowed an ex-officio member on the group. If Commissioners have suggestions for members, they can either forward them directly to Mayor and Council, or forward them to City Staff.
- Governmental Affairs – no report, this group will meet in early December
- Downtown Housing – Jerry Anderson reported that at last month's meeting, the group heard a presentation by Oscar Turner of The Post. Also, he has been attending the Downtown Stakeholders group and will continue to attend their meetings. For November, the Subcommittee hopes to hear a presentation by Justin Dixon of the Mercado project. Emily Nottingham suggested that Ward 6 staff may be interested in attending meetings.
- Growth and Planning – no report; this group will meet shortly to discuss the Eminent Domain ballot proposition as well as the Affordable Housing Waiver that is being proposed for Impact Fees.
- Membership Recruitment – no report

7. Future Agenda Items

Several requests made for January Planning meeting. See item #5.

8. Call to the Audience

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am by Jim Brooks.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Morris